

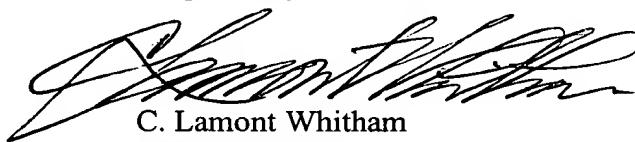
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1 Claim10 (Amended). A computer-readable storage medium for storing a
2 computer program for executing [the] a simulation method [according to
3 any one of claims 1 to 8] for simulating a system having a plurality of
4 circuit modules, the computer program comprising the steps of:
5 using an object oriented language;
6 preparing a plurality of circuit base classes, which describe base
7 circuit modules as classes, as a library;
8 describing the circuit modules to be simulated as classes by
9 inheriting the circuit base classes prepared as the library; and
10 describing the system to be simulated by combining the circuit
11 modules described as classes.

REMARKS

Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies.
An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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